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DATE: 7 JANUARY

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TO: [REDACTED] 25X1A

FROM: DIRECTOR

CONF: [REDACTED]

INFO: [REDACTED]

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RE: 2061, 2077

1. FOLLOW MESSAGE WILL BE SENT TO PIO, EDWARDS AFB, FOR RELEASE AS SOON AS MRS RAY RETURNS HOME AND IS ADVISED OF HUSBANDS DEATH QTE THE BODY OF THE PILOT OF THE LOCKHEED EXPERIMENTAL SR-71 TYPE AIRCRAFT WHICH CRASHED IN NEVADA ON THURSDAY WAS FOUND LATE TODAY 10 MILES EAST OF THE CRASH SITE NEAR LEITH, NEVADA. THE CIVILIAN TEST PILOT, 33 OLD WALTER L. RAY OF 7900 FARRALONE STREET, CANOJA PARK, CALIFORNIA, WAS SPOTTED BY A SEARCH AIRCRAFT AND WAS REACHED BY A GROUND RESCUE TEAM SHORTLY AFTER THE REPORTED SIGHTING. THE SPECIFIC CAUSE OF DEATH HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED. MR. RAY IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, DIANE CAROLE, OF THE HOME ADDRESS, HIS MOTHER, EVELIA AMELIA RAY OF HAVANA, ILL., A SISTER ELMORA E. GALKA, OF ELKHART, IND., AND A BROTHER, VERNON O RAY OF ORANGE CALIF. UNQTE.

2. ABOVE MESSAGE IS TO BE PASSED TO [REDACTED] AT LAC AND [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] AT HUGHES SIMPLY FOR THEIR INFORMATION. DATA CONTAINED IN REFS IS NOT TO BE USED UNTIL [REDACTED] PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH HQS VIA YOU.

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